

**Good Afternoon 1HBCT Brigade Soldiers, Families, and Friends – Wishing you all a wonderful Happy Thanksgiving! 23 November 2010 Weekly Announcements and Attachments can also be found on the 1 HBCT page on the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division website site, also with the <http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=1bct>: (due to size of attachments- please click on the link to see them)**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 1 ID Weekly News Update: Also for your convenience this will be posted for you to view in the next few days at the following link:

[http://www.1id.army.mil/DocumentList.aspx?lib=1ID\\_FRG\\_Updates](http://www.1id.army.mil/DocumentList.aspx?lib=1ID_FRG_Updates).

In this issue you will find:

- ❖ Thanksgiving Dining Hours and Costs-
- ❖ Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
- ❖ Operation Yellow Ribbon Event
- ❖ Calendar of Events
- ❖ Gen Thurman's Thanksgiving Message to the Troops
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> ID Band Concert
- ❖ Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Coat (hats, scarf's, and mittens drive)-

**2. Bethlehem Revisited** – ACS has the Bethlehem Revisited tickets again this year. Attached is the flyer for the Bethlehem Revisited. The tickets are timed as follows: Fri. 3 Dec 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 8:00 PM, Sat 4 Dec 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM, Sun 5 Dec 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Becky Willis has 46-48 tickets for each of the times listed above. Please take only as many as you are sure folks will attend. This is on a first come first serve basis and when they are gone they cannot get any more. Leftover tickets will be turned back in by Nov 29. They have handicap accessible vehicles for those unable to walk the course. Anyone interested please call and reserve or stop by Becky Willis's office to pick up. If you call ahead of time she will be able to tell you how many she has left in the time frame you want. See flyer

**3. SANTA is COMING!** – See flyer!

**4. Trees for Troops-** Free Christmas Tree's- please see flyer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Thanksgiving at the Dining Facilities: Nov. 24 Demon's Diner - Building 694 at Camp Whitside:**

Breakfast: 7-8:30 am, Lunch: 11 a.m.-3 p.m, Dinner: 3:30-5p.m. **Devil's Den - Building 7011 on Custer**

**Hill:** Breakfast: 6:30-9 am, Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Dinner: 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Cantigny - Building 7673 on**

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**Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day: please see the 1ID Weekly News Update.**

**Free Child Care During Deployment Program for Off-Post** - Just as there has been free child care available on-post during deployments, there is a program for those that live off-post and don't want to drive on-post to use care. The program is collaboration between Army & NACCRRRA just as all the other fee assistance child care programs off-post. Give Army Parents a Break Respite Care Program

requirements are simply a deployed parent (there are other qualifiers such as survivor/wounded, etc you can see the others on the web link). Care can be at ANY state licensed family child care home or center off-post (unlike all the other fee assistance programs that have more requirements.) Spouses can use 16 hrs per child per month & care can be used 30 days prior to 90 days after deployment. The parent and provider information and forms can be found on the website

<http://www.naccrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/army/fee-assistance-programs/give-army-parents-a-break.php> If you have any questions please call ACCYN & Give Army Parents a Break - 785-532-7197.

**The Family Advocacy Program, Exceptional Family Member Program and New Parent Support Program will host the Family Holiday Conference from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Riley's Conference Center, 446 Seitz Dr.** Food and drinks will be provided and Santa will be making a special visit. Participants can enjoy making holiday crafts, networking with others and participating in Family fun activities. Call 785-239-9435 or e-mail [rile.dmwracs@conus.army.mil](mailto:rile.dmwracs@conus.army.mil) to RSVP by Nov. 24. Families must be enrolled in these programs to attend.

**Need holiday gift ideas for your Soldier?** Join us at Army Community Service, 7264 Normandy Dr., and Hearts Apart for Gifts in a Jar from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9 to make gifts for your Soldier that can be made in a microwave or require no baking. This program offers support for Families who are left behind due to a sponsor's mission requirements. Child care is provided with current shot records. For more information, call ACS at 785-239-9435. Follow the link below for additional information on ACS programs.

<http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=ACS&nav=FamSvcs>

**The HIRED! Program, Parents 2 Parents and Army Community Service are hosting a financial management workshop and work force preparation workshop.** These workshops are prerequisites for participating in the HIRED! Program, but they are open to all Fort Riley youth. The financial management workshop is a basic financial workshop, geared toward youth. The work force preparation workshop includes resume writing, interviewing skills and dress for success. Dates are: • Financial management: 4 to 5:30 p.m., Dec. 14 • Workforce Preparation: 4 to 7 p.m., Dec. 13. For more information, call 785-239-9217.

**Teen Riley:** Reminder: Teen Center will be closed on Thanksgiving as well as Friday and Saturday after. So Happy Thanksgiving and have fun shopping on Friday!

**Post Deployment Health website** - I am writing on behalf of Col. Michael J. Roy, MD, of Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Uniformed Services University (USUHS) to request the assistance of Fort Riley FRG leaders with a post-deployment health and family readiness research study.

Our team has constructed a website, [www.postdeploymenthealth.com](http://www.postdeploymenthealth.com), which is designed to provide families of U.S. military veterans who have served in OIF/OEF with information and advice about the effects of deployment on service members and their families. We hope that by providing information about the signs and symptoms of combat-related mental health problems, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and depression, military family members will be better able to recognize these conditions in their own veterans, and will be better prepared to seek professional help. Our primary research question is to test how well a website providing deployment health information can be educational for family members. To help answer this question, we are requesting the participation of military families in taking a series of surveys on our website that will test their knowledge of PTSD and other post-deployment issues. In return for their participation, each military family member would have an opportunity to earn up to \$45 in Amazon.com Gift Cards, in addition to learning about PTSD and related conditions. We are reaching out to Family Readiness Groups on military installations across the country



to ask for support and assistance in gathering participants for our study. We are hoping that you could help us get in touch with families at Fort Riley to let them know about our website. Through our shared interest in improving military family readiness, we hope that you will see our project as beneficial for military families, and would be willing to help.

This study is sponsored by the DOD, and our website can be found at [www.postdeploymenthealth.com](http://www.postdeploymenthealth.com). Any help you could provide would be sincerely appreciated! I will follow up this email with a phone call, and would be happy to answer any questions either over the phone, (703) 201-9341 or via email at [william.runge.ctr@usuhs.mil](mailto:william.runge.ctr@usuhs.mil).

**Fort Riley military personnel, Family members and civilian personnel who are graduates of local colleges or college programs are invited to participate in the Fort Riley postwide graduation ceremony** at 1 p.m. Dec. 3 at King Field House. The public is invited to attend. For more information on participation, contact Gary Thompson at 785-239-6481. Due to the postwide graduation ceremony, counseling services at all Education Services learning Centers will be closed Dec. 3 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Education Services Division information can be found at the link below.  
<http://www.riley.army.mil/UnitPage.aspx?unit=DHR.Educ&nav=Svcs-Ed1>

**The Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade:** Join us Downtown for the 9th annual Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade. This great event benefits the Mayor's Holiday Food & Fund Drive for the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Our goal is to provide baskets of food for hundreds of Manhattan area families in need this winter holiday season. At 6:00 pm, the parade will begin Downtown at the Manhattan Town Center and move on to Aggieville. Santa Claus will be featured at the end in his horse-drawn buggy. At the parade's conclusion, you can join us in Aggieville for the traditional lighting of the Mayor's Holiday Tree.

**Please scroll down to see all the attachments, thank you!**

# IID AND FORT RILEY WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

## DO NOT WANT TO COOK, HAVE YOUR THANKSGIVING MEAL AT THE INSTALLATION DINING FACILITIES

Soldier deployed and your staying in the area for Thanksgiving and really would not like to cook a large meal? Or Family is all together and you do not wish to cook? Come join the Installation Dining Facilities for a wonderful meal. If timed just right you could be served your meal by BG David Petersen, DCG-R or your Soldiers Command Team. Below lists the times, locations and prices for the Thanksgiving meal.

### Thanksgiving Day Meal

Lunch: 1100-1500

- Demon's Diner (Bldg 694)
- Devil's Den (Bldg 7011)
- Cantigny (Bldg 7673)

### Cost Per Meal

- \$7.00 Non-meal card holders. All officers and enlisted members receiving an allowance for subsistence and their Family Members, DA Civilians and guests / visitors
- \$5.95 All family members of E-4 and below
- \$4.25 All children 7 and below (Cantigny Dining Facility Only)



### Calendar of Events:

- ★ November 25–28 - Thanksgiving Training Holiday
- ★ November 26 - Junction City Holiday Parade
- ★ November 26 - USO Family Gaming Day 12:00pm
- ★ November 30 - 4/1 ID Change Command 9:00am
- ★ December 1 - Monthly Retirement Ceremony 9:00am
- ★ December 1 - MWR Customer Covenant Signing 2:30pm
- ★ December 3 - FRG Muster meeting (Riley's) 10:30am (Please RSVP for child care)

## Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony



Please come join BG David Petersen and the Keilor Family in lighting the Holiday Tree at

Ware Parade Field (in front of Bldg 500), on December 3 at 4:45pm. They will be singing holiday carols and Santa Claus will make an appearance. Refreshments will be provided.



## Operation Yellow Ribbon: Cookies & Cocoa Dec 4, 2010

Join us at Manhattan Town Center Mall for this annual military appreciation event.

- Open to any military ID card holder
- Pick up wrist band at customer service for special military only discounts all day at participating stores at the mall
- FREE Cookies & Cocoa served at center court from 1-4 pm only (while supplies last)

Email [bevin@manhattan.org](mailto:bevin@manhattan.org) for more information or join us at [www.facebook.com/ManhattanMRC](http://www.facebook.com/ManhattanMRC) for details.



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Happy  
Thanksgiving  
BRO Families!





**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES COMMAND  
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**AFCS-PA**

**MEMORANDUM FOR All Soldiers, Family Members and Civilian Employees of  
United States Army Forces Command**

**SUBJECT: Thanksgiving Day 2010 Message**

1. The origin of Thanksgiving is thought to stem from the Pilgrims' three-day feast, starting December 13, 1621, to celebrate a bountiful harvest. However, the first local Thanksgiving dates back to as early as 1607.
2. From the beginning of this holiday, we celebrated this most American of traditions with family and friends to reflect on and give thanks for the freedoms and prosperity we enjoy. With that in mind, I recognize this upcoming family-centered holiday will be very difficult for many of our Soldiers and their Families who find themselves separated by thousands of miles.
3. I ask you to join me in remembering the thousands of deployed Soldiers and Army civilians who cannot be home this year due to deployments. To the Families of our men and women in uniform, please know the American people are indebted to you for the sacrifices of your husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters.
4. I urge leaders at all levels to encourage our Soldiers and civilian employees who plan to travel this holiday season to be safe. Just as important, I also charge leaders to be mindful of providing safe options for those who are unable to join their families this year. May each of you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

  
**JAMES D. THURMAN**  
General, USA  
Commanding



Send your events, news, contact information, etc., to:

Stacie Dumas  
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All information needs to be received by December 6, 2010 for the next weekly newsletter.

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**GOT NEWS!!!**



## ON THE WEB!

**1st Infantry Division & Fort Riley Homepage** - [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil)

**Fort Riley MWR** - [www.rileymwr.com](http://www.rileymwr.com)

**Army vFRG** - [www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org)

**National Military Family Association** - [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org)

**US Army Homepage** - [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)

**MyPay** - <https://mypay.dfas.mil>

**Irwin Army Community Hospital** - <http://iach.amedd.army.mil>

**Ready Army** - [www.riley.army.mil/areainfo/readyarmy.aspx](http://www.riley.army.mil/areainfo/readyarmy.aspx)

**Fort Riley MWR Twitter Page** - <http://twitter.com/rileyfmwrbear>

**1ID Facebook Page** - [www.facebook.com/1stInfantryDivision](http://www.facebook.com/1stInfantryDivision)



## Happy Holidays

from the  
*First Infantry Division*

1st ID Band Concert

December 16, 7 P.M.

At the C.L. Hoover Opera House  
in Junction City, KS



Tickets available at  
the Box Office  
Call 238-3103 ext. 330

## SERGEANT AUDIE MURPHY CLUB

Keeping Kansas Cozy  
Coat Drive

SAMC Coat Drive encourages the community, schools and organizations to provide newly or gently used warm winter coats to help keep Kansas Cozy throughout the winter. Coat donations will be accepted until 17 DEC 2010. Drop off location will be at Irwin Army Community Hospital (front lobby).

**Donate winter coats and help someone in need.**



POC: SSG Curry 239-4312 or  
Darlene Washington 239-8374

Muster Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 3rd, 10:30am at Riley's Conference Center. Child Care is Provided with RSVP. Please RSVP to Stacie Dumas at [stacie.dumas@us.army.mil](mailto:stacie.dumas@us.army.mil) NLT 2:30pm on Monday, November 29, 2010.

# *Bethlehem Revisited*

*Watch Christmas Come Alive!*

**A** Roman census, no room at the Inn, shepherds, angels, a bright star, a manger, and the birth of a baby boy... sound familiar?

Come and join us in the unique event that gives you a chance to walk through history! This 45 minute outdoor guided walking tour allows you to witness the dramatic and heart moving events that led up to and followed the first Christmas.

**Friday December 3**

**6:30 – 9:00 pm**

**Saturday December 4**

**5:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Sunday December 5**

**5:00 -9:00 pm**

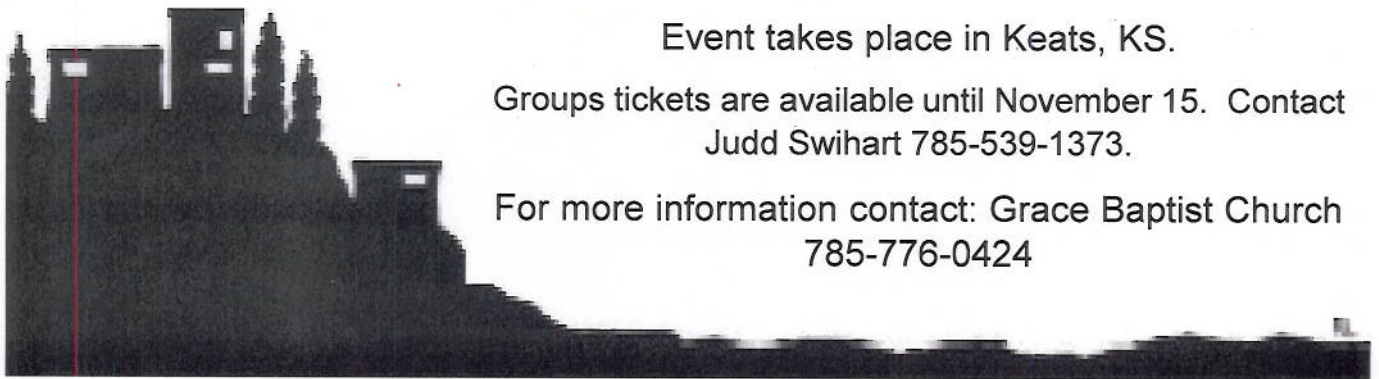
Tickets are FREE but required.

Tickets will be available November 20 at  
Varney's Book Store, Staples, Manhattan  
Running Company (Next to Ray's Apple Market).

Event takes place in Keats, KS.

Groups tickets are available until November 15. Contact  
Judd Swihart 785-539-1373.

For more information contact: Grace Baptist Church  
785-776-0424





# Santa Claus is Coming

to  
Manhattan Town Center!

Friday, November 26  
11:00 am

Visit Santa Claus in the Dillard's  
Court through December 24th!

Photo packages available

For more information,  
visit the Customer Service Center.







*Sponsored by the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation and FedEx Corp.*

**Starting Saturday, December 11, Outdoor Recreation Center will distribute FREE fresh Christmas Trees to Military Families.**

**December 11-13**  
**Sat, Sun, & Mon**

Spouses of deployed Soldiers & WTB have priority  
*(show deployment orders or WTB card)*

**Starting December 14**

Trees are distributed to active duty Military ID card holders  
*(show ID card)*

*Outdoor Recreation Center  
Bldg 9011 Rifle Range Road  
785-239-6368  
Hours: Sun-Sat 9am-5pm*



*The Trees for Troops program was launched in 2005, and with the help of FedEx Corp., delivered more than 4,300 Christmas Trees to five U.S. military bases, as well as an overseas shipment to the Middle East. In 2006, the program expanded to deliver more than 11,000 trees to 25 U.S. military bases and to units in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Middle East and the 5th Fleet in the Gulf. Trees for Troops is expected to collect and deliver 15,000 to 17,000 Real Christmas Trees this season from 27 states to military families across the United States, as well as to soldiers serving overseas.*